

History Honours 1980

Common course in the history and theory and method of history

There will be twenty two-hour classes: once weekly through the first half of first term, twice weekly through the second half of first term, and once weekly through second term. In 1980 the elements of the course will be:

- First Term: I History of history
- II A special study of Marxist history, and of 'history from below' - history of popular political beliefs, crowds in history, etc.
- Second Term III Some general analysis of the causes of difference and disagreement among modern historians.
- IV Case studies of some recent controversies among historians.
- Assessment: One essay (2-3,000 words) in first term; one essay (2-3,000 words) in second term; one examination paper in August.

Students will be encouraged to draw examples from their own fields of study. The following reading list is a shopping list: nobody is expected to read all of it.

(1) Bibliographies and General Reference

Lester D. Stephens, Historiography: a bibliography (Metuchen, N.J., 1975) [Bibl. 016.907 5834h]

The American Historical Association's Guide to Historical Literature (New York, 1961) [Bibl. 016.9 A51]

Alexander S. Birkos & Lewis W. Tambs, Historiography.. A Bibliography of Books in English 1965-1973 (Hamden, Conn., 1975) [Bibl. 016.907 B 619 h]

Harry E. Barnes, A History of Historical Writing (Norman, OKO., 1937)

J.W. Thompson et. al., A History of Historical Writing, 2 vols. (New York, 1940)

James T. Shotwell, An Introduction to the History of History (New York, 1922)

Mathew A. Fitzsimmons et. al., The Development of Historiography (Port Washington, N.Y., 1954)

Useful summary articles and bibliographies are to be found under the headings "History" and "Historiography" in the Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences, The International Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences, and the Encyclopaedia of the History of Ideas (all in Bibliography Section, Barr Smith Library)

(2) Some Particular topics and periods

J.B. Bury, The Ancient Greek Historians (London, 1909)

C.N. Cochrane, Thucydides and the Science of History (London, 1929)

F.M. Cornford, Thucydides Mythistoricus (London, 1907)

M.I. Finley, The use and abuse of history (London, 1975)

Pieter Geyl, Napoleon For and Against (London, 1949)

Pieter Geyl, Debates with Historians (New York, 1958)

Jock Goody, The domestication of the savage mind (Cambridge, 1977)

Jock Goody and Ian Watt, "The Consequences of Literacy", Comparative Studies in Society and History, 5 (1963), pp. 304-345

John Higham et. al., History (Princeton, N.J., 1965)

C. Levi-Strauss, The savage mind (London, 1966)

J.G. Pocock, The ancient constitution and the feudal law (Cambridge, 1957)

J.G. Pocock, The Machiavellian moment (Princeton, N.J., 1975)

G.P. Gooch, History and Historians in the Nineteenth Century (Longmans, 1913)

George Rudé The Crowd in History (Wiley)

George Rudé Debate on Europe 1815-1850 (Harper Torch book, 1972)

Fritz Stern (ed.) The Varieties of History (N.Y., Meridian Books, 1956)

Ved Mehta The Fly and the Fly-Bottle (Pelican)

(3) Analysis and criticism

[Some of the following include some philosophical analysis. Those parts are recommended only to students who have taken courses in philosophy.]

R.G. Collingwood, The Idea of History (Oxford, 1946)

H.B. Butterfield, The Whig Interpretation of History (London, 1931)

H.B. Butterfield, Man on his past (Cambridge, 1955)

E.H. Carr, What is History (Penguin)

G.R. Elton, The Practice of History (Melbourne and Sydney University Press)